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1 AN ACT Relating to codifying the spokane river regional toxics task
2 force;

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. [LISTNUM LegalDefault]** A new section is added
7 to chapter 90.48 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) The following definitions apply throughout this section, unless
9 the context clearly requires otherwise:

10 (a) "Task Force" means

11 (b) "PCBs" or "Polychlorinated biphenyls" means any polychlorinated
12 biphenyl congeners and homologs.

13 (c) "Listed toxics" means PCBs and dioxins regulated under this
14 chapter.

15 (2) The spokane river regional toxics task force is established in
16 order to develop and oversee implementation of a comprehensive plan to
17 bring the Spokane River into compliance with water quality standards
18 for listed toxics. To accomplish this goal, the task force must:

19 (a) identify data gaps and collect necessary data on listed toxics;

1 (b) analyze data to characterize the amounts, sources, and locations
2 of listed toxics entering the Spokane River;

3 (c) prepare recommendations for controlling and reducing the sources
4 of listed toxics;

5 (d) review proposed toxic management plans, source management plans,
6 and best management practices; and

7 (e) monitor and assess the effectiveness of toxic reduction measures

8 (3)(a) The voting membership of the task force consists, as
9 identified by the department, of one representative each of:

10 (i) each public or private entity that is issued a national pollutant
11 discharge elimination permit for discharge to the Spokane River, and
12 for which the permit requires participation in a task force; and

13 (ii) each organization that had signed, as of January 1, 2019, a
14 memorandum to participate in a task force with a mission similar to the
15 directive established under subsection (1) of this section.

16 (b) The department shall extend invitations to participate as non-
17 voting members in the task force to the following sovereign governments:

18 (i) The Spokane tribe of Indians; and

19 (ii) The Coeur D'Alene Tribe of Indians.

20 (c) Non-voting members of the task force include representatives
21 of:

22 (i) the department;

23 (ii) the United States Environmental Protection Agency;

24 (iii) the Idaho Department of Water Quality;

25 (iv) the Spokane Regional Health District;

26 (v) the Department of Health; and

27 (vi) other entities invited at the invitation of the department.

28 (4) The task force shall elect a chair and adopt rules for conducting
29 the business of the task force. Each entity specified in subsection (a)
30 of section (3) shall have one vote for purposes of conducting the
31 business of the task force. The task force must strive for unanimity
32 among voting members on all task force decisions. Decisions of the task
33 force may be made by the voting members in attendance at a task force
34 meeting.

1 (5) The expenses of the task force shall be paid by sources of
2 public or private funding made available for such purposes.

3 (6) The task force must provide for an independent community
4 technical advisor to assist in review of data, studies, and control
5 measures, and may hire staff or contract or provide for additional
6 technical or administrative support as necessary. The task force may
7 form subcommittees in order to effectuate the business of the task
8 force.

9 (7) All meetings of the task force must be open to the public.

10 (8) Members of the task force are not entitled to be reimbursed for
11 travel or participation expenses. Members of the task force are not
12 state employees are not eligible for state benefits as a consequence of
13 their participation on the task force.

14 (9) Nothing in this section limits the authority of the department
15 to develop a total maximum daily load for the Spokane River or to take
16 other actions consistent with the authority granted under this chapter.

17 (10) This section expires July 1, 2029.

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